



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 13-81, CD1

RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON ANY LEGISLATION THAT CONTEMPLATES THE SALE, DEVELOPMENT, OR REDEVELOPMENT OF ALL LAND OWNED BY THE CITY AND USED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND URGING THE STATE TO RETURN TO THE CITY ANY CITY-OWNED LAND USED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPON THE CESSATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION USE OF SUCH LAND.

WHEREAS, certain public schools on Oahu are located on lands owned by the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, these lands are not only used for public schools but are also used for public parks and playgrounds which are adjacent to these schools; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State legislature is considering legislation that would raise revenue for the Department of Education by enabling public-private partnerships to develop public school lands that are "underutilized"; and

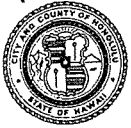
WHEREAS, any plans to sell or redevelop land owned by the City and County of Honolulu and used by the Department of Education should respect compensation claims asserted by the City; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has passed and transmitted to the governor H.B. No. 1133, S.D.2, which repeals Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, the act that created the Public Land Development Corporation ("PLDC"); and

WHEREAS, the legislature states in H.B. No. 1133, S.D.2, that repealing the law creating the PLDC is motivated, in part, by concerns over the exemptions to county laws regarding land use, zoning and construction standards contained in Act 55; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 1133, S.D.2, additionally states that the legislature desires to achieve the goal of optimizing the use of public lands in a equitable and transparent manner while fully respecting existing laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Act 203, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 1967, transferred the jurisdiction of public education from the counties to the State of Hawaii; and



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WHEREAS, Section 5 of Act 203, SLH 1967 states, in part, that, "No real property or improvements thereon belonging to the several counties and used in the performance of the functions and services covered in this Part shall be required to be conveyed to the State"; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified nearly 100 public schools located on land owned in part or entirely by the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of City-owned land housing public schools is more than \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2009, the state Department of Education closed Wailupe Valley Elementary School after 50 years of existence on City-owned land in East Honolulu and the land was returned to the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it strongly urges the Hawaii State Legislature to withhold action on any legislation that contemplates the sale, development or redevelopment of all land owned by the City and used by the Department of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council strongly urges the State to return to the City any City-owned land used by the State Department of Education upon the cessation of public education use of such land; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ikaika Anderson

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 19, 2013
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers